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SUBJECT: INTERACADEMY AGREEMENT: STATUS OF DOLANSKY CANDIDACY

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REFS: (A) DOLANSKY LETTER TO MITCHELL OF DECEMBER 22, 1977,

(B) DOLANSKY LETTER TO MITCHELL OF JANUARY 17, 1977

1. DR. LADISLAV DOLANSKY OF NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, AN IREX SENIOR SCHOLAR EXCHANGE, HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING CLARIFICATION OF HIS CANDIDACY FOR INTERACADEMY AGREEMENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOLLOWING FEBRUARY 20 COMPLETION OF HIS IREX VISIT. DOLANSKY IS AN NAS EXCHANGE ALTERNATE AT PRESENT. DOLANSKY ADVISED THAT HE HAD TWICE WRITTEN TO LARRY MITCHELL OF NAS (REFS) TO ASCERTAIN HIS CURRENT STATUS WITHOUT RECEIVING AN ANSWER. SINCE HE COMPLETES HIS IREX PROGRAM FEBRUARY 20 -- AND HIS SOVIET VISA EXPIRES THEN TOO -- TIME IS A MAJOR FACTOR.

2. DOLANSKY, WHO IS WORKING IN THE FIELD OF SPEECH ANALYSIS, IS SEEKING TO EXTEND HIS STAY IN THE U.S.S.R. UNDER THE IREX EXCHANGE. IREX SUPPORTS A FOUR MONTH EXTENSION BUT TO DATE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN NON-COMMITAL. ACCORDING TO DOLANSKY, HIS KAFEDRA HEAD IN THE PHILOLOGY FACULTY AT MOSCOW STATE
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UNIVERSITY OPPOSES THE EXTENSION. DOLANSKY IS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER AND SECONDARY EDUCATION WILL GRANT THE IREX EXTENSION AND HE WILL THEN LOSE THE REMAINING FOUR MONTHS OF A FULBRIGHT GRANT. HENCE, HE IS LOOKING AT OTHER OPTIONS, NOTABLY THE INTERACADEMY EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

3. PLACEMENT AT TWO INSTITUTES UNDER THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES APPEARS POSSIBLE. DOLANSKY'S FIRST PREFERENCE IS PLACEMENT AT THE INSTITUTE OF PROBLEMS OF INFORMATION TRANSMISSION HERE IN MOSCOW. THIS INSTITUTE'S ACTING DIRECTOR, PROFESSOR OVSEBUCH, IS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT DOLANSKY WORKING THERE NOW BECAUSE THE INSTITUTE IS IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING TO NEW QUARTERS. DOLANSKY CLAIMS, HOWEVER, THAT OVSEBUCH HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT HIM IF NAS FORMALLY REQUESTS DOLANSKY'S PLACEMENT THERE. DOLANSKY WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH DR. G. I. TSEMEL' AT THIS INSTITUTE.

4. THE INSTITUTE OF PHILOLOGY OF THE GEORGIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IS DOLANSKY'S SECOND CHOICE. THERE HE WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH PROFESSOR ZURAB DZHAPARIDZE IN THE INSTITUTE'S LABORATORY OF EXPERIMENTAL PHONETICS.

5. FOR NAS: PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT DOLANSKY WILL BE NOMINATED FOR NAS-ACADEMY OF SCIENCES EXCHANGE.
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